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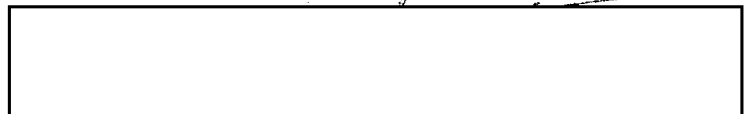
Dear Mr. Gitter:

We very much appreciate your letter of October 9th notifying us that WNET is in the process of producing a film on Mr. Victor L. Marchetti and offering us an opportunity to participate. We believe, however, that it would not be appropriate to participate in any controversy on this matter while it is still the subject of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court. Furthermore, we do not believe it would serve any purpose to dignify the comments of Mr. Marchetti which you quote by any response other than to say that his own successful career in the Agency, leading to a position of high trust, should be a sufficient answer.

In the event that the record of the court proceedings in the Government action against Mr. Marchetti is not readily available to you, I am enclosing a complete set of the formal submissions and opinions in the open record.

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Sincerely,



Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: ER
Asst to DCI- Mr. Thuermer
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Marchetti Enclosures

1. Complaint filed April 18, 1972
2. Affidavit of Richard Helms
3. Affidavit of Howard J. Osborn
4. Affidavit of Harry B. Fisher
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6. Answer
7. Motion to Dissolve Temporary Restraining Order
8. Memorandum Opinion and Order, U.S. District Court
May 19, 1972
9. Permanent Injunction, May 23, 1972
10. Brief for Appellee
11. Brief for Appellant
12. Opinion, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
September 11, 1972

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October 9, 1972

Mr. Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

WNET is currently in the process of producing a film on Mr. Victor Marchetti, a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The film primarily involves the efforts taken by your agency to injoin publication of certain material written by Mr. Marchetti. During the course of the program Mr. Marchetti alleges that C.I.A. efforts in this regard are a "sham," that the agency "set him up," that the agency is "trying to crucify him" and that he was "victimized" because he was an "ethnic" in an organization whose hierarchy is "waspish."

Accordingly, we welcome comments from you concerning the foregoing statements. Furthermore, either you or a representative of the Agency may wish to participate in the film or to have a reasonable opportunity to respond to the statements and other allegations at some other time.

Since we hope to air the program within the next few weeks, we would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Richard P. Gitter
Richard P. Gitter
Counsel

RPG:ss

CC: Ms. Barbara Gordon, Producer

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